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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
OLIVIER DE LACHARRIERE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: S. WANG
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FOR: USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS :
OR METABOLIC DERIVATIVES :
THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING :
AGENT :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 10 of this paper.